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## Presidential Elections.

The Changes Contemplated. In Congress, last June, the

chairman of the House Committee on Liections reported a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in respect to changing the election of President and Vice-President. The bill, in substance, is as follows: Each State to be divided into districts referred to the Judiciary Committee. equal to the number of Representatives said State is entitled to in Congress; and the person having the highest number of votes in each district for President and Vice Presi dent, shall count one Presidential Harrison, W. Crutchfield and R. R. vote; no voter being allowed to vote for candidates for President and Vice Tennesseee, voted against the bill President who are both citizens in the same State with himself .-The candidate receiving the highest "Swinging 'Round the Circle." number of votes in a State to be if more than two persons have each the same number of votes in any State, it being the highest number, no Presidential vote shall be counted accompanied him to the city, in a from that State; and where more persons than one have the same numnumber in any district, no Presidens tial vote shall be counted from that district. The returns of such elections are to be made to the United States Supreme Court within thirty days, and the Court to declare within ninety days after such election who is elected. No person who has been a Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court shall be eligible to the office of President and Vice President. The whole country seem to desire a change in the mode of electing President and Vice President, but this plan does not meet the approbation of the masses. The present session of Congress will hardly act on this bill, although the subject is being agitated now

Senator Morton has recently reported a bill to count the vote for President and Vice President, which provides that both Houses of Congress shall meet together at 1 o'clock on the last Wednesday in January next succeeding the meeting of the Electoral College, and be presided over by the President of the Senate. One teller shall be appointed by the Senate and two by the House, and they shall receive from the presiding officer the certificates as they are opened, and after reading them aloud the same is hereby reapealed. shall make a list of the votes, the result of the count to be announced by the President of the Senate. If any question is raised, each house shall withdraw to their chambers and decide the question raised. No electoral vote from any State to the counting of which legal objections are raised shall be accepted, except by an affirmative vote of both houses. When the two houses have voted they shall immediately reassemble, and the presiding officer shall then announce the decision of the question sabmit-

ted. The second section provides that if more then one return shall be received by the President of the Senate from the State. purporting to be the certificate of the electoral vote giner at the last preceeding election for President and Vice-President, all such returns shall be opened in the presence of the two Houses, acting separately, shall decide to be true and valid returns.

## The Civil Rights Bill.

The Civil Rights Bill was disposed of in the U. S. House of Representatives on the 5th inst., after a long and exciting debate, in the presence of an immense assembly .-The first vote was on an amendment offered by Kellogg, of Connecticut, to strike out of the House bill the provision relating to schools, which was carried by a large majori y. The next vote was on the motion of Cessna, of Pennsylvania, to substitute the Senate bill for the Honse bill, which was defeated. The bill was then passed; yeas 162,nays 100. The next vote was on attaching as a preamble to the bill, a clause of the Democratic National Platform of 1872, affirming the equality of all men before the law, which was adopted by a vote of 219 to 29, the nays being all South ern Democrats with one exception-Chittenden, Northern Republican, o' New York. The bill now goes to the Senate for action as an original House bill, having no relation to the bill passed by the Senate. It is said the bill, in its new form, will meet with considerable opposition in the Senate, and that it will not pass this session. The House bill was read in the Senate on the 6th inst. and was

The difference between the House and Senate bills is, that the former omits the mixed school and mixed cemetery features.

Messrs, J. M. Thornburgh, H. H. Butler, Republican Members from Mr. Maynard did not vote at all.

Senator Andrew Johnson left the entitled to two Presidential votes city of Nashville on the 5th inst. for from the State at large; the highest | Memphis, arriving in that city on the number of votes of all the States to following day. All along the route elect the candidate. If two candidates | the people tendered him enthusiastic receive the same number of votes in ovations; the Senator's reception at any State, it being the highest num- Memphis being like unto the grand ber, each shall receive one Presiden- triumphal entry in Rome of Paulus tial vote from the State at large; and | Æmilius on his return from a successful war with Macedonia. At the Bartlett station the Senator was met by two hundred Memphians, who special train. Over 30,000 citizens welcomed him on his arrival at the ber of votes, it being the highest city and escorted him to the Peabody hotel, where he addressed the vast crowd from his carriage.

# Meeting of the State Grange.

The Tennessee State Grange. Patrons of Husbandry, meets at Knoxville next Monday, 15th inst.

### Governor Porter's Staff. From the Nashville Banner, 4th inst.]

The following officers are announce ed as the Staff of his Excellency, Governor Jas D. Porter:

William R. Hamby, of Monroe, Adjutant General ; D. H. C. Spence, of Rutherford. Commissary-General: R. N. Hood, of Blount, Quartermaster-General; Samuel Donelson, of Davidson, Inspector General, with the rank of Brigadier-General; C F. Bates, of Bradley, Aid de camp; William Sanford, of Tipton, Aid decamp, with the rank of Colonel.

# Public Act.

A Bill to Amend an Act passed March 15th, 1873, known as the Funding Bill. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. That so much of section 3, of an act passed March 15th, 1873, entitled an act to fund t' e past due Bonds of the State, &c., as makes it the duty of the Treasurer to set apart, for that exclusive purpose, so much of the revenues as may be necessary to pay the interest on said Bonds be, and

Be it further eracted, That this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed January 20, 1875. TROMAS H. PAINE,

Speaker of the Sonate. LEWIS BOND, Speaker of the House of Representa-

Approved February 5, 1875. JAS. D. PORTER. Governor.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Act of the General Assembly, passed January 20, 1875. CHAS. A. GIBBS, Seggetary of State.

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THE Peabody Trustees announce hat their funds are exhausted for he present year.

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# Gov. Porter on Public Schools.

- [Extract from Message.] The people of Tennessee recognize the necessity of affording free education to all the children of the State. The system, now in operation is a wise one in many respects, and ought o be male the subject of the most riend y legis'ation; such legislation is will make every child in the State ts beneficiary. The general senti NATIONAL, ment of our people is favorable to the cause of popular education. Our prosperity depends on the mainte nance of the system inaugurated two years ago, and if any change is made, it ought only to affect the details in such manner as will afford increased educational facilities.

I berewith transmit a memoria' from the Tonnessee State Teachers' Association, on the subject of the public school system of Tennessee: the recommendations therein madare entitled to the highest respect. and will, I doubt not, secure that consideration they so eminently

I also transmit a communication received from the distinguished Dr. B. Sears, general agent of the Peabody Educational Fund, on the subject of the establishment of a Normal School. The offer made by him is a munificent one, and I recommend that it be secured by the appropriation of the required amount | of money; if necessary, the sum can be appropriated from the school fund, without increasing the public burdens. With the establishment of school, good teachers, now our great necessity, will be seenred, and the success of popular education in Tennessee assured.

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